

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Willie D. McDaniel, of Steele, Missouri, a World War II veteran and retired civil engineer from Blytheville Air Force Base who is to be honored on Flag Day, June 14, 2007; and

Whereas, Willie McDaniel is a former Steele City Councilman, former Police Judge, current Code Officer for Steele, and Emergency Management Director for Steele, and he is the proud recipient of the Pemiscot County Pioneer Heritage Award from the Pemiscot County Historical Society; and

Whereas, Willie McDaniel is also a former Little League Baseball Coach, Cub Scout Master, a member of the First Baptist Church of Steele, former Sunday School Teacher, and a member of the Pemiscot County American Legion Post 88; and

Whereas, during World War II, Willie McDaniel, a recipient of the Purple Heart, served in the Army Air Corp, where he flew B-17 bombers, and was shot down and wounded on April 20, 1945, in Italy, surviving with the assistance of an Italian family who hid him for twenty-one days until the end of the war; and

Whereas, Willie McDaniel is the son of Dorothy and Harper McDaniel and the beloved husband of Edna McDaniel, to whom he has been married for the last sixty-one years, and together they have been blessed with a wonderful family, which includes their son Randy McDaniel and his wife, Jeanie; their grandson Nogi McDaniel, and his wife, Lauren; and two great-grandsons, Payton and William David McDaniel:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest gratitude to Willie McDaniel for the sacrifices he has made in the defense of this great state and this great nation; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Willie D. McDaniel.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker